Meridian School Admission arrangements for 2017/18

The school will have a published admission number (PAN) of 213.

Section 324 of the Education Act 1996 requires the governing bodies of all maintained schools to admit a child with a statement of special educational needs that names their school. Schools must also admit children with an EHC (Education, Health and Care) Plan that names the school.

Rule 1 Children in public care (children looked after) and children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or a special guardianship order).

Rule 2 **Medical or Social:** Children for whom it can be demonstrated that they have a particular medical or social need to go to the school.

Governors will determine whether the evidence provided is sufficiently compelling to meet the requirements for this rule. The evidence must relate specifically to the school applied for under Rule 2 and must clearly demonstrate why it is the only school that can meet the child's needs.

Rule 3 **Sibling:** Children who have a sibling at the school at the time of application, unless the sibling is in the last year of the normal age-range of the school. Note: the 'normal age range' is the designated range for which the school provides: Years 9 to 13 for this upper school.

Rule 4 Children who live in the priority area for whom it is their nearest Hertfordshire maintained school or academy that is non-faith, co-educational and non-partially selective. *Note: Non-partially selective means that the school does not offer any places based on academic ability.*

Rule 5 Children who live in the priority area who live nearest to the school. Priority Area 4: Buntingford, Puckeridge and Royston.

Rule 6 Children living outside the priority area on the basis of distance, with those living nearest to the school given priority.

These rules are applied in the order they are printed above. If more children qualify under a particular rule than there are places available, a tiebreak will be used by applying the next rule to those children. Where there is a need for a tie-breaker where two different addresses measure the same distance from a school, in the case of a block of flats for example the lower door number will be deemed nearest as logically this will be on the ground floor and therefore closer. If there are two identical addresses of separate applicants, the tie break will be random.

Priority Area
The co-educational priority area in the admission rule is based on the following towns, parishes/unparished areas.

	Priority Area	Towns/Parishes/Unparished areas	Schools
4	**Buntingford, Puckeridge and Royston**	Anstey, Ardeley, Aspenden, Barkway, Barley, Braughing, Brent Pelham, Buckland, Buntingford, Cottered, Great Munden, Hormead, Kelshall, Meesden, Nuthampstead, Reed, Royston, Standon, Therfield, Westmill, Wyddial.	Meridian

Meridian School will use the same definitions and measuring system as outlined in Hertfordshire County Council's admissions literature, "Moving On"

In Year Admissions
The school will remain part of the county council's coordinated In Year admissions scheme. Application forms can be accessed via www.hertsdirect.org/admissions or from the Customer Service Centre, 0300 123 4043. Parents should return the application form direct to the County Council (address on the form).

Fair Access
The school participates in the county council's Fair Access protocol and will admit children under this protocol before children on continuing interest.

6th form arrangements
The school will admit all students applying to the 6th form who meet the entry requirements. The PAN for external applicants is 30 students.

Minimum entry requirements are:

- AS/A-level courses: minimum of 5 grade B GCSE grades including a B in each subject to be studied.
- Vocational A-level courses: minimum of 5 grade C GCSE grades including a C in each subject to be studied.

If the school is oversubscribed, priority will first be given to:

- Children looked after or previously looked after

Appeals
At transfer time parents wishing to appeal who applied on line should log into their online application and click on the link 'register an appeal'. For those who did not apply on line, please contact the Customer Service Centre on 0300 123 4043 to request an appeal pack.
For in-year applications parents wishing to appeal should contact the school directly in the first instance.